

## Lexington County Fire Service Volunteer Firefighter Program



The Lexington County Fire Service welcomes citizens that wish to serve their community in the capacity of a volunteer firefighter. Lexington County Volunteer Firefighters are held to many of the same standards as the career staff, and are required to complete and maintain the same state and federal mandated trainings and certification. Applicants for Volunteer Firefighter Candidate positions must complete the following testing prior to approval of the application:

1. Volunteer Applicant must successfully complete the Lexington County Fire Service Agility Test.
2. Volunteer Applicant must successfully complete all portions of the “Work Keys” Assessment Test. If the Volunteer Applicant does not successfully complete all portions of this test, they may retest the portion(s) that were not successfully completed, at their own expense. If the Volunteer Applicant does not successfully complete the retest, they will not be considered. If the Volunteer Applicant has previously successfully completed the required “Work Keys” Assessment Test, the results must be sent to Headquarters by the approved testing agency.
3. Volunteer Applicant will be interviewed by an Interview Committee, which will be comprised of Career and Volunteer personnel. Each Applicant will receive an “Accepted” or “Rejected” recommendation by the Interview Committee. Those receiving an “Accepted” recommendation will continue with the process. Those receiving a “Rejected” recommendation will not be allowed to continue.
4. Volunteer Applicant must successfully complete the mandatory L.C.F.S. Drug Test.
5. Volunteer Applicant must successfully complete the L.C.F.S. Physical.

Volunteer Applicant must attend and successfully complete the L.C.F.S. Orientation Program. This Orientation will be conducted by the Volunteer Coordinator or the Fire Chief’s designee.

Upon successful completion of all of the above requirements, the Volunteer Firefighter Candidate will be scheduled to begin the below training in March of each year. The training

program requires an extensive commitment from the Volunteer Firefighter Candidate. Attendance requirements are set by the State of South Carolina Fire Academy, and generally require the candidate to attend 80% of the class.

### INTERIOR CERTIFICATION

1. Interior Certification is required, to the level of N.F.P.A. Firefighter II, of all Interior Certified Volunteers.
2. Required training to reach the level of Firefighter II shall consist of:
  - A. L.C.F.S. Orientation – 8 hrs.
  - B. 1152 Fundamentals of Firefighting – 90 hrs.
  - C. 2727 Hazardous Materials Awareness Level – 8 hrs.
  - D. 2728 Hazardous Materials Operation Level – 32 hrs.
  - E. 1<sup>st</sup> Aid/CPR (as mandated by the L.C.F.S. Training Division) – 9 hrs.
  - F. 1153 N.F.P.A. Firefighter I – 65 hrs.
  - G. 3330 Basic Auto Extrication – 16 hrs.
  - H. 1154 N.F.P.A. Firefighter II – 44 hrs.
3. Requirements for maintaining Interior Certification shall consist of, but not limited to:
  - A. Annual S.C.B.A. Face Piece Fit Test
  - B. L.C.F.S. Physical (as mandated by the Physical Policy)
  - C. Annual I.D.C. (as mandated by the Infectious Disease Control Policy)
  - D. 1<sup>st</sup> Aid/CPR (as mandated by the L.C.F.S. Training Division)
  - E. Multi-Company Drills (as mandated by the L.C.F.S. Training Division)
4. Once certified, Interior Certified Volunteers shall obtain 48 hours of non-certified training per year, which shall include Scheduled Station Activities and Multi-Company Drills.
5. Interior Certified Volunteers may hold the position of Apparatus Operator after the completion of the required training, which shall include:
  - A. S.C. Class E Driver's License or S.C. Class B C.D.L. License (with Tanker and Air Brake Endorsements)
  - B. 1210 Emergency Vehicle Driver Training – 40 hrs.
  - C. 1220 Pump Operations I – 40 hrs.
  - D. 1221 Pump Operations II – 16 hrs.
  - E. L.C.F.S. A/O Training Packet
6. Interior Certified Volunteer Apparatus Operators must complete an additional 12 hours of approved training each year.

***Those applicants who are currently certified and wish to become a Lexington County Volunteer Firefighter must submit a training transcript to the Lexington County Fire Service Training Division along with copies of certificates for review and or reciprocity of required certifications with the Lexington County Volunteer Application.***

For more information on becoming a Lexington County Volunteer Firefighter, please contact the Volunteer Coordinator at 803-785-8287.